FISCAL NOTE

HB 871 - SB 1063

February 28, 2007

SUMMARY OF BILL: Enables students who are 25 years of age or older to receive a Wilder-Naifeh technical skills grant for study leading to a certificate at a Board of Regent's community college or technical community college provided that such students meet all general requirements for the grant; permits students to subsequently receive a Tennessee HOPE scholarship provided that such students meet all applicable requirements for the scholarship as nontraditional students.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Other Fiscal Impact – Increases the expenditure of lottery proceeds earmarked for scholarships and grants by \$950,000 in FY07-08 and by \$1,425,000 in FY08-09.

Assumptions:

- An estimated 10,000 students will be eligible for the Wilder-Naifeh technical skills grant. 50% or 5,000 will enroll in a community college and half of this number (2,500) will be 25 years of age or older.
- Of these 2,500 students, 20% or 500 will continue in school and receive a HOPE scholarship of \$1,900 the first year.
- The increase in the expenditure of lottery proceeds in FY07-08 is estimated to be $$950,000 (500 \times $1,900)$.
- The second year cost is based on the assumption that half of the first-year students will maintain eligibility (250) plus another cohort of 500 students will receive the \$1,900 award.
- The increase in the expenditure of lottery proceeds in FY08-09 is estimated to be $$1,425,000 (750 \times $1,900)$.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James W. White, Executive Director